

# First Baptist Church of Central Square

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**Prayer Concerns:** Courtney & Nathan Balch, Melody Clark, the Delong Family, Misty DeFalco, Nancy Flower, the Fuller Family, Pat Harrington, Christa Koagel, Leighton Merritt, Donnie O'Neill, Helen O'Neill, Frank VanBuskirk, Helen Webb, hurricane victims, our schools, our nation, and our military.

Aubrey Biddle 2	Alexander Springer 8	Stephen Springer 8
Ken Bird 10	Matt Shanahan 10	Cody Nelson Jr. 11
Heather Bettinger 12	Shaylee Woolson-Smith 15	Meg Biddle 19
Joshua Heitmann 26	Dale Bort 27	Nicholas Heitmann 31
	Nathan Heitmann 31	

## Anniversaries

	Cheryl & Karl Backman 12	
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## Mystery Member:

November's Mystery Member is Bob Chamberlin! He makes models of cars and boats, has a beautiful garden full of delicious tomatoes, and is one of the biggest SU fans around.

December's Mystery Member loves being in the sunshine. They love to fish, hike, and enjoy being outdoors. They recently just started working at their dream job. Can you guess who it is?

## Witness Articles

Please submit all articles by December 23<sup>rd</sup> to [Kahminder@gmail.com](mailto:Kahminder@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Events

### December 3

Family Craft Day

### December 7

Put Christmas Tree Up (5pm)

### December 10

Christmas Pageant  
Carry in lunch  
Wise Men Visit

### December 16

Deliver Baskets (1pm)

### December 17

Pledge Sunday

### December 24

Christmas Eve Service (8pm)



## Trustee Update

The smoke alarm system is completed!!! Thank you everyone for your donations to meet the village of Central Square requirements for safety. We still owe about \$2,485 of the final bill. If you would like to donate directly to this cause, please write, "fire alarm" on your envelope!

As some of you know, Rebekah Springer is now the caretaker of our parsonage. We worked very hard to spruce it up, and I personally want to thank Cathy Miller, our housekeeper, and her daughter, Rachael, who helped in getting it this way. The Trustees and the Council members feel we have made an excellent decision in having Rebekah move into the parsonage.

We have had anonymous gifts of a new hot water tank, fittings, and installation that will be designated for the baptistery. Thank you.

Like we do at home every 2-3 months, we change our furnace filters here at the church as well. The size is 16x25x1. The church furnace takes 2 filters at a time. The next time you are in Lowes, consider buying extras for the church. If you do buy them at Lowes, just tell the cashier the phone number of our church (315) 668-2138, and you will be able to purchase them tax exempt. Thank you everyone for your help with buying supplies for our church. It truly is a big help in savings to the treasurer.

Randi Driesen  
Chair, Trustees

## Pizza Fundraisers!

### Pizza Night

Over \$500 dollars was raised on our Pizza night at Top This Pizza! Huge thanks to Jessica at Top This and for all people who helped by selling baked goods, buying, or who shared the word!

### Pizza Gift Certificates

We are still selling Pizza Gift Certificates! If you are able to sell any or want to buy some as Christmas Gifts please see Cherie House, email her at [CherHou3@aol.com](mailto:CherHou3@aol.com), or call or text at 315-391-5408.

## Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Any Bottle and Cans to be returned??

We can pick up or bring to the church and Cherie or Rebekah will make sure they get returned to get 6 cents per can for the Church!

Or, roll The Dice For A Chance At 6 or 7 Cents per 300 Pieces, then tell them you want some, or all of your cans and bottles donated to the First Baptist Church of Central Square! Take your returnables to **Vern's Return** located at: **5501 Bartell Road Brewerton, NY** (Closed Wednesday & Sunday).

Thanks to all who have supported these Fundraisers, any new ideas or you just want to help, let us know!!

## Church Officers

Reverend

Moderator

Lynn Bort

Church Clerk

Rebekah Springer

Treasurer

Elizabeth Rotundo

Financial Secretary

Grace Fuller

## Christian Education Facilitators

Roxanne Spink

Carol Chamberlin

Misty DeFalco

## Trustee Facilitators

Randi Driesen

Cherie House

Diana Baxter

## Diaconate Facilitators

Rich Mizerski

Penny Faulter

Cheryl Backman

*May the  
Miracle of  
Christmas  
fill your heart  
with joy.*

## AB Women Update

Holiday Paint Night was a big hit. We had new faces and a lot of fun! Carol Chamberlin won her next Paint Night Free! Follow us on facebook for the date of our next paint night!

Craft Day is December 3<sup>rd</sup> following service! Light lunch provided as well as crafts for all ages (including adults)!

## Diaconate Update:

Please come join the Diaconate Facilitators as we continue a great First Baptist tradition of delivering baskets. On Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, we'll be meeting at the Fellowship Hall at 1pm to assemble the gift bags, and we expect to leave to deliver the baskets around 1:45pm. If we have enough people, we will do caroling as well! Shut-ins and others we visit greatly enjoy and appreciate these visits, and you will too!

## Christian Education Facilitators Update

The Tuesday afternoon Prayer and Bible Study group that previously met at our church has moved to the Waterworks Landing Apartments. This group has seen an increase in attendance at this site because of the easy access for those that reside in the building. We wish this group continued success in their new setting.

The World Mission Offering concluded on October 29<sup>th</sup> and \$238 was collected, thank you for all of your contributions.

Rebekah and our Junior Church students have started preparing for the Christmas Play which will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> this year. December 10<sup>th</sup> is going to be a very busy day at church because besides the Christmas Play we will be having a carry-in luncheon during which the Wise Men will be bringing our youth gifts.

A family from the Central Square School district has been selected as this year's white gift recipients. These gifts will also be collected on December 10<sup>th</sup> so that they can be delivered to the school nurse on December 18<sup>th</sup> for distribution to the family.

November 19<sup>th</sup> was a special day for the Christian Education facilitators because we had the honor of giving Bibles to students in our Junior Church class. Atreyu DeFalco was given a Bible with a handwritten personal message (thank you Misty!) in recognition of his participation in Junior Church. Aiden Baxter was absent but will also be presented with a Bible the following week. Congratulations to both of these young men.

Looking to next year we are going to be bringing back a monthly movie night. We have decided to show The Chronicles of Narnia movies based on the novels by C. S. Lewis. We hope to encourage a discussion of these movies which will be continued in the Junior Church program. If anyone has concerns or suggestions regarding Christian Education issues please contact one of the Christian Education Facilitators.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne L. Spink, Christian Education Facilitator Chairperson

Carol Chamberlin

Misty DeFalco

## History of the Ladies Auxiliary By Delores Olin

A continuation...

In 1911, the guest of the afternoon was baby Erwin Flower.

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1946, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary close with a banquet by the Ladies Auxiliary. This was an active, busy group that eventually made a big change.

In May 1963, the organization was changed to the "Women's Society" with four circles; Lois, Lydia, Eunice, and Phoebe, morning afternoon and evening meetings each month, society meetings quarterly.



## Motto of the Day # 4

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave, there are souls that are pure and true. Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.

## Scrap Metal Recycling

We are starting to collect scrap metal to make a little extra \$ for the church. The small amount of scrap metal we had at the church and some that was donated by Bob Chamberlin netted us \$36. I know that it doesn't sound like a lot, but every little bit helps. I want to ask the congregation if you, your neighbors, friends, or family may have some scrap metal they want to get rid of please contact Cheryl Backman @ 315-668-2230. I will keep it in the church garage until we have a bunch. If you need it to be picked up they can be arranged. Thank you for your help in this ongoing project.

## Tannenbaum and Pizza

What is the happiest time of the year? THIS IS! The Worship Committee can prove it on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. FREE PIZZA and salad will be available at Fellowship Hall and after we eat, we get to put up our magnificent sanctuary Christmas Tree. PLEASE come to help (even if you can't get there at 5). We need branch openers (who get to sit in pews), light testers, ornament places, and for the select few, ladder climbers. So, please come for a happy time. We need a head count for the pizza so please call us and leave a message or put your name on the sign up sheet. Did I mention, we REALLY NEED YOUR HELP?

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Just a reminder that we do have prayer shawls and lap robes for anyone who might need some uplifting, whether they are experiencing an illness, surgery, or death in the family. Please contact Cheryl Backman and one will be sent out.

## Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year so please join us at 10am for our regular Sunday service, and at 8pm for our candle lit service. Reverend Leamon will be preaching at both services. It is always beautiful! See you there!



## Santa vs Jesus

Santa lives at the North Pole...

**JESUS is everywhere.**

Santa rides in a sleigh...

**JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.**

Santa comes but once a year...

**JESUS is an ever present help.**

Santa fills your stockings with goodies...

**JESUS supplies all your needs.**

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited...

**JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and then enters your heart when invited.**

You have to wait in line to see Santa...

**JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.**

Santa lets you sit on his lap...

**JESUS lets you rest in His arms.**

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"...

**JESUS knew our name before we were born. Not only does He know our name, He knows our address too. He knows our history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on our heads.**

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly...

**JESUS has a heart full of love**

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO...

**JESUS offers health, help and hope.**

Santa says "You better not cry"...

**JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."**

Santa's little helpers make toys...

**JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts, repairs broken homes and builds mansions.**

Santa may make you chuckle but...

**JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.**

While Santa puts gifts under your tree...

**JESUS became our gift and died on a tree...the cross.**

## Pledge Sunday

December 17<sup>th</sup> is Pledge Sunday. This is a time where we prayerfully consider how we can serve God by supporting the missions of our church. I was posed the question about what Pledge Sunday is and I want to make sure everyone feels well informed. The pledge form that was sent or emailed has many different sections on it. There is a financial section, areas you'd like to be involved in, and skills section.

**Skills/Abilities:** We use the information in this section to help find your niche in our church family. Sometimes when a project comes up, we are at a loss of who would be interested in helping. This information is passed to the people who would be in charge of the areas.

**Areas:** Some of you may have seen different groups working together and want to be a part of that, WE WANT YOU TOO! By checking off these boxes it helps us slide you in to where you know you want to be.

**Financial:** This information is shared directly with the financial secretary. When you pledge to give an amount at the frequency of your choosing, it's like a promise. We use that information to complete our budget (faith proposal) for the following year.

### Q: Why can't I just put money in the plate?

You are always welcome to put money in the plate if that is what you are most comfortable with. We use pledges to help us anticipate the money we expect to have this coming year. It helps us budget and make sure we are spending wisely. So when you put money in the plate, you would put it in an envelope that is in the pew and write your name on it. Your donations are recorded and you will receive a paper that can be used for taxes at the end of the year.

### Q: What if I can't give what I originally pledged?

We all understand that life is unpredictable. If you look at your finances and decide that you can pledge \$5 a week, most weeks, you'll probably be able to do that. Some weeks we understand that you might only have a dollar to give. Some weeks you might have ten. **There are no repercussions for giving less than you pledged.** You will be given quarterly statements throughout the year to let you know how close you are to your pledge. You may request to change your pledge amount at anytime by writing a letter to the financial secretary.

### Q: Do I need to be a member to fill out a pledge form?

Absolutely not! Anyone is welcome to fill out a pledge form and participate in all church activities!

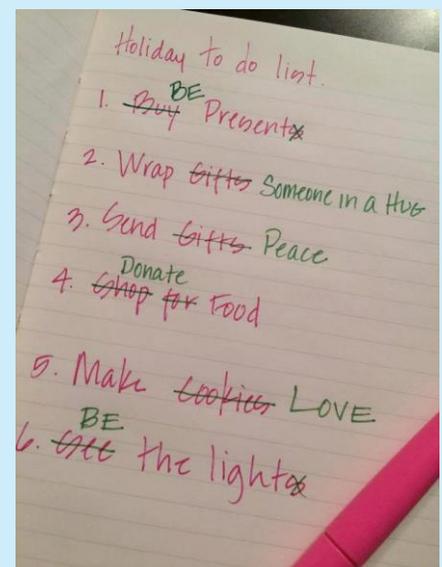
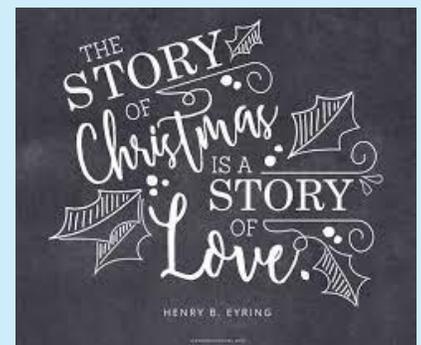
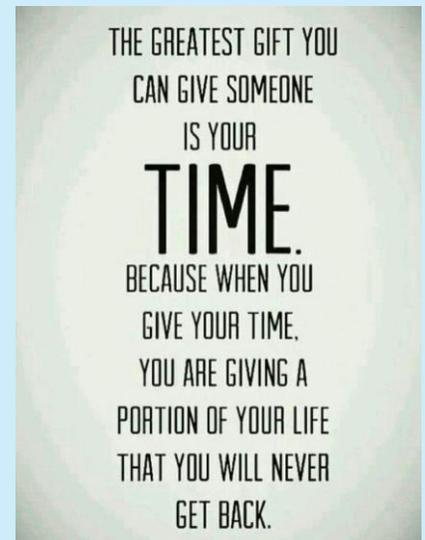
### Q: Who will know how much I pledging?

The financial secretary will be the only person who knows the monetary amount donated and the frequency. This is confidential information and it is important to First Baptist that it stays this way.

### Q: How do I send in my form?

There are 3 options.

1. You can scan it and email it to : [fbccsny@gmail.com](mailto:fbccsny@gmail.com)
2. Mail it to :  
701 N. Main Street, Box 476  
Central Square, NY 13036
3. Bring it to church and drop it in the offering plate.



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## December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Craft Day	4	5	6	7 Put up Tree (5pm)	8	9
10 Children's Play	11	12	13	14	15	16 Deliver Baskets
17 Pledge Sunday Council Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve  10am & 8pm	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31						

